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OFFICE OF ECONOMICS, ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS, AND ADMINISTRATION

July 31, 2008

Mr. Don L. Klima
Director
Office of Planning and Review
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 809
Washington, DC 20004

Re: AB-307 (Sub-No. 4X) – Wyoming and Colorado Railroad Company -
Abandonment Exemption - between M.P. 0.19 and M.P. 1.31 in Laramie,
Albany County, Wyoming
Wyoming SHPO Number: 0201JKW003

Dear Mr. Klima:

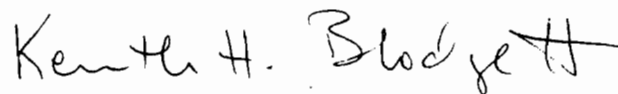
Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(a)(1) and 36 CFR 800.11(e) of the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, I am notifying you that the proposed abandonment, set forth above, may adversely affect historic properties. The Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (WY SHPO) has indicated that the line has been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. WY SHPO has suggested that appropriate mitigation might be the installation of an interpretive sign describing the history of the Laramie-Hahn's Peak rail line.

Enclosed is a copy of the Environmental and Historic Reports filed with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) by the Wyoming and Colorado Railroad Company (WYCO) with their notice of exemption, describing the proposed action and containing information about the rail line.

The Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) is the office within the Board responsible for conducting the environmental review process pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, including the National Historic Preservation Act. I will be working with the WY SHPO's office, as well as the railroad, and other concerned or affected parties as needed. I have enclosed a copy of the environmental assessment for this proceeding, and seek your participation in the Section 106 process at this time.

If you need further information or have questions, please contact me at (202) 245-0305.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth H. Blodgett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "H" at the end.

Kenneth H. Blodgett
Section of Environmental Analysis

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Karl Morell, WYCO
Ms. Mary Hopkins, WY SHPO